

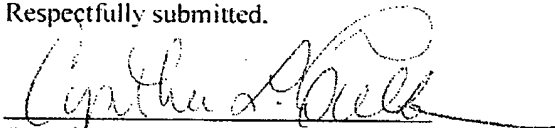
REMARKS

Claim 5. and claim 21 dependent thereon, have been amended to limit the functional polyolefin additive to a maleic modified polyethylene. Due to the foregoing amendment, claims 26 and 27 no longer further limit the subject matter of the claims from which they depend and have, accordingly, been canceled. No new matter has been added. Entry is requested.

Applicants submit that the forgoing amendment overcomes the rejections of claims 2-12 and 19-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Bauduin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,297,309), Radigon et al. (published U.S. application No. 2004/0122143), Domine et al. (published U.S. application No. 2004/0198897), Daily et al. (published U.S. application No. 2005/0064180) or Atofina (FR 2,819,821), in view of Rodrigues et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,271,309), and places this application in condition to be allowed.

Early and favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted.



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